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SUBJECT: UAE DEFENSE FORCE REQUESTS FOR FMS CASH SALES

REF: (A) ABU DHABI 1911 (B) ABU DHABI A-55 DTD JUNE 23, 1976

1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES  
CONTAINED REFTEL, USG IS PREPARED AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE  
TO SUPPLY WEBBING AS REQUESTED. WE ASSUME REQUEST IS FOR  
30,000 OF EACH OF THE FOUR ITEMS REQUESTED (BELT, AMMUNITION  
POUCH, SHOULDER STRAPS AND SMALL HAVERSACK) RATHER THAN FOR  
30,000 PIECES TOTAL. PLEASE CONFIRM. WE HAVE EXPLORED  
THE QUESTION OF TIMING OF DELIVERY AND CONCLUDED THAT,  
PROVIDED UAEG IS PREPARED TO SIGN LETTER OF OFFER AND  
ACCEPTANCE QUICKLY AND PAY FOR AIRLIFT, DECEMBER 2 DEADLINE  
CAN BE MET. IF UAEG WISHES TO ORDER OTHER ITEMS OF SIMILAR  
NATURE, WE WILL HAVE TO DETERMINE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS  
WHETHER THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE BY DECEMBER 2.

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2. WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO SUPPLY THE M-16 FOR UAEDF USE. IN THIS REGARD, AVAILABILITY OF M-16 IS IN THE 15 TO 18 MONTH RANGE. IN ORDER TO DRAW UP LOA, WE WILL NEED TO KNOW IF UAEG REQUIRES NORMAL TWO-YEAR SPARE PARTS PACKAGE, CLEANING KITS, BAYONETS AND SCABBARDS, AND WHAT, IF ANY,

QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION.

3. IN GENERAL, WE ARE PREPARED TO AGREE TO UAEG REQUEST FOR TRAINING. REQUESTS FOR SPECIFIC COURSES WILL BE ADDRESSED INDIVIDUALLY, BUT AS LONG AS COURSES REQUESTED ARE EITHER GENERAL IN NATURE OR ARE CONSONANT WITH EQUIPMENT THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO SELL, NO DIFFICULTIES ARE FORESEEN. WE WOULD NOT, OF COURSE, BE PREPARED TO OFFER COURSES INVOLVING WEAPONS SYSTEMS THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO SELL TO THE UAE.

4. WE APPROACH THE REQUEST FOR AN ORIENTATION TOUR IN THE SAME MANNER. WE WOULD NOT WISH TO DEMONSTRATE, AND THEREBY UNNECESSARILY STIMULATE INTEREST IN, WEAPONS SYSTEMS THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO SELL. SOME CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED THEREFORE IN CONVEYING OUR AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE BOTH TRAINING AND AN ORIENTATION TOUR TO AVOID THE IMPRESSION THAT OUR AGREEMENT IS COMPLETELY OPEN-ENDED. COSTS OF ORIENTATION TOUR AND TRAINING WOULD, OF COURSE, BE PAID BY UAEG. WE CAN MOVE AHEAD ON PLANNING THIS TOUR AS SOON AS UAE TELLS US WHAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN SEEING, HOW MANY OFFICERS IT PROPOSES TO SEND, AND WHEN THEY WOULD LIKE TO COME.

5. WITH REGARD TO RENEWED UAE REQUEST FOR TOW MISSILES, YOU WILL RECALL THAT BASIC REASON FOR OUR PREVIOUS NEGATIVE DECISION WAS THE ABSENCE OF ANY ARMOR THREAT TO THE UAE. IT WAS OUR BELIEF THAT SUPPLY OF TOW TO THE UAE COULD STIMULATE SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO UNNECESSARY ARMS BUILDUP IN REGION AND EROSION OF OUR CAREFULLY CONCEIVED ARMS POLICY FOR LOWER GULF; ALSO, THAT IT WOULD BE SEEN IN THE CONGRESS AS IRRESPONSIBLE INASMUCH AS THERE IS NO VISIBLE ENEMY WHO COULD USE TANKS OR OTHER ARMOR AGAINST THE EMIRATES.

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WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY BASIC CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH LED US TO THAT BELIEF. IN RECALLING OUR PREVIOUS STANCE TO UAEG. YOU COULD SAY THAT OUR DESIRE IS TO GIVE UAE ARMS REQUESTS THE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN UAE RATIONALE FOR RENEWED REQUEST FOR TOW IN LIGHT OF OUR COMMON DESIRE FOR STABILITY AND AVOIDANCE OF AN ARMS RACE IN THE REGION. YOU SHOULD AVOID IMPLICATION OF ANY COMMITMENT OTHER THAN

TO CONSIDER SERIOUSLY ANY ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION UAE  
MAY PUT FORWARD.  
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